

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, AZ 85349
July 8, 2026
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Nieves Riedel called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales (via Teams at approximately 6:14 pm)
Council Member Lizeth Servin
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas
Mayor Nieves Riedel

ABSENT: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Torres, City Manager
Joe Estes, Interim City Attorney
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Alan Guevara, Police Lieutenant
Alejandra Peru, Court Administrator
Amanda Mahon Watlington, Magistrate
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production &
Operations Specialist
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development
Claudia Montoya, Acting Assistant Director of Parks &
Recreation
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Fernando Corona, IT Manager
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer
Francisca Ramirez, Senior Services Manager
Israel Lara, IT Technician
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Lucia Zavala, Finance Operations Manager
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Maria Barajas, Human Resources Manager
Maria Sabori, Risk Manager
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager

Niguel Reynoso, Chief of Police
Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer
Vanessa Iturbide, Graphics and Media Specialist
Victor De La Torre, Safety Officer
Aracely De La Hoya, Resident
Brian Alaniz De La Hoya, Resident
Christian Cuevas, Meeting Interpreter
Columba Nuñez, Resident
Fabher Sanchez, Resident
Maria Robles, Resident
Perla De La Hoya, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was performed by Mr. Joseph Reynoso, Police Chaplain.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Columba Nuñez, a resident of San Luis, AZ, said she wanted to raise a point that is very unpleasant, given what is being done to seniors. A colleague from Los Angeles came to celebrate Father's Day with them. He is in critical condition—he has had two (2) major surgeries—and was not allowed to socialize with the seniors. He traveled with his son. If these are the rules, make them humane and appropriate for the elderly. Seniors need respect, dignity, and love from their neighbors. Ms. Nuñez demanded that the rules be reviewed because they affect them all and do not build up but rather completely destroy their value as human beings and as seniors. Ms. Nuñez demanded that everything be made public so that there are flexible rules for the people who truly need them, and not rules that are only convenient for certain people. She demanded that they be reviewed for the sake of their colleague, whose critical situation is unknown to them. They are waiting for the City Council's response and are demanding a review of everything that is happening. They insist they no longer be treated like kindergarteners; they are adults and deserve freedom of expression, freedom to attend medical appointments, and the freedom to spend time with their children without being constantly told whether or not they can go. This never happened under any previous administration, not even under Ms. Aracely De La Hoya.

Mayor Nieves Riedel stated that the matter concerns Mr. Valenzuela, who was a member of the Senior Center and took the time to call the Mayor to lodge a complaint. He is in critical medical condition and was visiting to say goodbye to his fellow seniors. She is sorry about what happened and will not defend anyone. Employees at the Senior Center are following the rules.

Ms. Sofia Rodriguez, a resident of San Luis, AZ, and a member of the Senior Board, wanted to provide more details about the letters being sent to different people. The problem is that they have forgotten that the recipients are not from the third age but from the fourth and fifth ages.

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya inquired whether the public could address the Mayor and City Council during Call To The Public if the matter they are addressing is on the agenda.

Mayor Nieves Riedel stated that they should listen to the public.

Ms. Sofia Rodriguez continued by saying that some of the seniors do not know how to read and write; therefore, perhaps they misunderstand or do not understand the letter. If those seniors have another person read the letter, they might not be told what the letter actually says. She proceeded to provide some content of the letter regarding the absences from the Senior Center, getting rid of the letter, and also included some of the concerns at the center. She agreed with Ms. Nuñez that they are not kids to be treated like such.

Mr. Gumerindo Hernandez, resident of San Luis, AZ, commented that something needs to be done at the roundabout regarding the Yield sign. He spoke about an experience he had where he almost got hit by another vehicle because it did not yield to his vehicle in the roundabout. He recommended and asked the Mayor and City Council to replace the Yield sign with a Stop sign to prevent a vehicular accident or human fatality.

Ms. Martha Servin, a resident of San Luis, AZ, and a member of the San Luis Senior Center, mentioned that she has been struggling with her health and sometimes cannot stand up or attend the Senior Center. The staff are employees who follow the rules and directives. One day, she was told that they wanted to talk to her because she was on the blacklist. She asked what that meant and was told it was because she had too many absences. Staff also wanted her medical diagnostics, but her physicians informed Ms. Servin that it is illegal to ask for these. When one visits a clinic or medical office as a patient, one has privacy protection under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). She asked why she should provide her medical diagnostics and that she is not the only one this has happened to, but that others have gone through this as well.

Ms. Beatriz Muñoz, a resident of San Luis, AZ, thanked the San Luis Senior Center for the menu change. There are rules at the Senior Center that are not applied consistently; for example, access to certain areas is restricted to sons or daughters picking up their parents, while others enter the center with their kids and grandchildren. For instance, Council Member Lizeth Servin came to the Senior Center with her daughter and her eight (8)- month-old baby grandson. She was photographed with her grandson on June 11, 2026, and the photo was posted on the city's Facebook.

She added that, that same day, Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya recorded a video and posted it on his personal social media as part of his political campaign. She provided a brief statement on what the law says on this: "That is an abuse of the official capacity to obtain exclusive access to common citizens and external rival politicians. It does not allow them to enter city programs for seniors with recording equipment to capture images for use in political advertising". She added that Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya used the authority, access, and unique privileges of his current office to gain entry and film vulnerable seniors—some of whom are unaware of their rights, while others are. She spoke to staff and requested that the video in which she is captured be removed, as she does not want to be part of a political campaign without her consent. She also referenced the schedule of the activities at the Senior Center and asked that presentations that interfere with their activities be accommodated in open spaces; staff needs coordination with the schedules. Seniors miss some activities, and it needs to be understood that seniors need to attend the center because they need the food that is provided, to socialize and recreate themselves. She also spoke about the gentleman who was not allowed to enter the Senior Center; it was not because there was no space or food. She also agreed that they should not be treated like little kids and disagreed with the statement made by the events coordinator that the point is that they are kept entertained.

Ms. Rosa Hall, a resident of San Luis, AZ, and a member of the San Luis Senior Center, said she agrees with all the rules but asked the Mayor and City Council to consider not having harsh rules on seniors, as the center is the only place they can attend for recreation.

Ms. Martha Martinez, a resident of San Luis, AZ, and a member of the San Luis Senior Center, stated that what affects her is being absent due to travel, but communication is good. They always thought that upon receiving that letter, they were being dropped from the program, and it was terrifying. She agrees that there are things that need to be revised, but if seniors notify the office that they will be out, they are communicating with staff, and a phone call also helps. Seniors attend the Senior Center because they like it. Seniors do not want to be nervous about being absent and, upon their return, receiving the letter and going through the lengthy process to be readmitted.

Ms. Francisca Aracely De La Hoya, 1002 Arizona Street, San Luis, AZ, stated that on September 13, she spoke to a Council Member. She was not yet a member of the Senior Center, and the Council Member did not know that Ms. De La Hoya could not go to the Senior Center or what was happening. She asked the Mayor and City Council that, if they are there as elected officials, it is because they love their community, and the Senior Center is a community of over 100 people. She also asked the City Council to be on top of things. This Council Member told her that she was going to begin visiting the Senior Center at least twice a month, so she will see what happens. She disagreed with the lady who commented about campaigning, because a person does not actually need to go there to campaign; a person can campaign just with photos.

She added that if the City Council truly loves their community, they ought to go and talk to the seniors every now and then; it is not a matter of bypassing Ms. Jenny Torres, City Manager, or Ms. Francisca Ramirez, Senior Services Manager. She added that Mayor Nieves Riedel has been accused of being responsible for this, and some people do believe that, however Ms. De La Hoya knows that is not true, as that is why Mayor Nieves Riedel has the City Manager and other staff.

Ms. Maria Torres, a resident of San Luis, AZ, stated that she loves all seniors and takes care of them. She believes that those who do not love seniors have not been in a situation where they see elderly people who really cannot manage themselves anymore. She also mentioned that elected officials have been at the Senior Center and tell seniors they will do this or that, but, as her mother would say, unfortunately, promising does not make people poor; what makes people poor is keeping the promises they make. Ms. Torres added that therefore, the Mayor and City Council have promised many things, and there is hope that they will keep them, because many people need their help. If the Mayor and City Council do not help, the seniors cannot do anything to help either. They ask the seniors for their vote while running for office, and yes, they can vote for them if seniors see that they keep their promises, both outside and inside. If they see results, they probably will support them again, but if they do not see results, they will have to change the people in the upcoming elections.

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked everyone who addressed the Mayor and City Council during Call to the Public.

She then announced that, at the request of Ms. Jenny Torres, City Manager, the Executive Session would be taken next on the agenda.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (3) and (4).

Discussion and possible action to hold an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (3) on any and all matters regarding the agreement among the San Luis Facility Development Corporation, LaSalle Corrections, and U.S. Bank National Association for legal advice. (Joe Estes, City Attorney and Bill Sims, Outside Counsel)

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Vice Mayor Javier Vargas to go into executive session at approximately 6:33 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

10. MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Vice Mayor Javier Vargas to go back into Regular Session at approximately 6:44 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

5. PRESENTATION

5. A. Presentation and recognition of the 2026 1st Quarter Awardees by the Employee Recognition and Awards Program (ERAP) for their outstanding work with the City of San Luis. (Vanessa Iturbide, ERAP Chair)

Ms. Vanessa Iturbide, ERAP Chair, introduced the new program committee members, who are employees from various city departments, and acknowledged the outgoing committee members. She then recognized the 2026 1st Quarter Awardees for their hard work and commitment, including recipients of the Achievement Award, Customer Service Award, Safety Award, and Employee of the Quarter Award.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6. A. MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held June 10, 2026

6. B. DISBURSEMENTS

From June 18, 2026 to June 30, 2026

Total \$1,633,115.72

(One Million, Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand, One Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents)

MOTION: Vice Mayor Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

7. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding authorization to purchase a drone as a First Responder (DFR) and analytics using Arizona Department of Public Safety Local Border Support Grant Funds. (Emmanuel Botello, Lieutenant)

Mr. Emmanuel Botello, Lieutenant, stated that the City of San Luis Police Department sought approval to purchase a drone for use in the First Responder (DFR) and analytics program. The purchase will be funded by Arizona Department of Public Safety Local Border Support Grant funds. The DFR Program will include two (2) drones and operating software, with deployments from two (2) separate locations. The DFR provides public safety agencies, both police and fire, with real-time aerial intelligence before responders arrive, enabling earlier assessment, better coordination, and safer outcomes. The purchase will be made through Paladin, which has provided a sole-source letter and a bid of \$85,000.00.

Questions, answers and comments followed among Vice Mayor Javier Vargas, Council Member Lizeth Servin, Mayor Nieves Riedel and Mr. Botello regarding training, certification, drone use and costs.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve the purchase of a drone as a first responder and analytics for a total amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$85,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

7. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding authorization for the renewal of the Axon contract for the San Luis Police Department using Fiscal Year 2027 CIP funds. (Alan Guevara, Lieutenant)

Mr. Alan Guevara, Lieutenant, stated that the San Luis Police Department is seeking approval to renew and consolidate its existing Axon agreements into a single five-year contract. The contract, totaling \$822,488.73, will be paid in five (5) annual installments of \$164,296.29 for years one through four and \$164,296.31 for year five. The agreement includes upgrades to the department's existing equipment and services, such as unlimited Evidence.com storage, Axon Fleet 3 in-car camera systems, Axon

Body 4 body-worn cameras, TASER 10 devices, and all associated equipment and storage, along with a five-year supply of training and duty cartridges.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve the renewal of the Axon Contract and make the first annual payment not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$164,300.00. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

7. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the authorization to purchase the Honeywell Phoenix G2 Fire Station Alerting System through the NPPgov purchasing agreement. (Fernando Corona, Information Technology Manager)

Mr. Fernando Corona, Information Technology Manager, presented a request to the City Council for approval to purchase the Honeywell Phoenix G2 Fire Station Alerting System through the NPPGov cooperative purchasing agreement, for a total cost of \$477,387.29. He explained that the Fire Department's current station alerting system has reached the end of its service life, is no longer supported by the manufacturer, and that replacement parts are unavailable, creating a risk of system failure.

Furthermore, he explained that the Honeywell Phoenix G2 system will provide a modern, fully supported platform that improves reliability, reduces the risk of downtime, and ensures that firefighters and paramedics receive emergency dispatch notifications quickly and consistently. He stated that replacing the system will help maintain dependable emergency response services and provide first responders with the technology needed to serve the community safely and effectively. Staff recommended approval of the purchase, as presented.

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Vice Mayor Javier Vargas to approve the purchase of Phoenix G2 Fire Alerting System, in accordance with the pricing and terms presented in the agenda materials. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

Mayor Nieves Riedel

Aye

7. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the City of San Luis Senior Center Rules and Regulations. (Mayor Nieves Riedel)

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked the senior citizens for attending the meeting and for sharing their concerns. She clarified that the City Council did not create the rules, noting that such policies are handled by city staff. Mayor Nieves Riedel said she understands that some of the rules may be difficult for people and believes there may be room to make them more flexible. She added that she is not fully convinced the current rules are the best approach and feels they could be reviewed and improved. She also noted that the City Council had little input when the rules were developed and said she is open to working with staff and the City Council to consider possible changes. She then invited the other Council Members to share their comments.

Council Member Maria Cecilia thanked the senior residents for attending the meeting and sharing their concerns, noting that many of these issues have been raised before. She acknowledged that this is an administrative matter and emphasized the importance of respecting the city's administrative process. While recognizing that the City Council can make changes when needed, what exactly will they be changing? Any updates should be carefully reviewed and based on all concerns raised, rather than focusing on just one (1) issue at a time.

Vice Mayor Javier Vargas thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for sharing their concerns. He acknowledged having spoken with some individuals about the importance of establishing rules and guidelines for organizations. He added that, while rules are necessary for effective administration, there may be opportunities to provide additional flexibility and make adjustments to better accommodate the needs of those affected. Vice Mayor Javier Vargas explained that the current rules were developed by the Administration and expressed support for reviewing them to determine whether improvements can be made. He thanked the residents for bringing their concerns forward and for participating in the discussion.

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya thanked everyone for attending the meeting and sharing their concerns. He stated that, after considering the discussion, he believed the City Council could take action on the matter tonight. He acknowledged the City Manager's position regarding administrative authority, as he had been in that position for eight (8) years, but emphasized that the City Council should not avoid taking action when appropriate. He clarified that addressing the issue would not be an attempt to remove authority from the City Manager, who is responsible for the city's daily operations. However, given that the concerns had continued for several months, he believed further action was warranted, noting that he had previously requested a draft of the rules before implementation but did not receive one. Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya proposed that the current rules be suspended immediately and that staff return to the process of reviewing and revising the guidelines with input from both senior center members and staff. He further stated that, if any suspected criminal activity

occurs at the senior center, staff or members should be able to contact law enforcement directly rather than placing additional responsibilities on senior center personnel. He acknowledged potential concerns regarding impacts on the Police Department but emphasized that the goal was to create a balanced approach that addresses safety concerns while incorporating feedback from those affected.

Council Member Lizeth Servin thanked the senior citizens for attending the meeting and for openly sharing their concerns. She expressed sincere appreciation for the time and effort residents invested in discussing their needs and experiences, and acknowledged the value of their input to the City Council. She recognized the group's frustration and desire for quicker changes, explaining that this matter is primarily administrative and operational. She shared that the City Council's role is to listen, provide guidance, and work closely with staff to identify and support improvements. She emphasized that she understands how personal and important the Senior Center is to its members, and noted that decisions like these often involve complex considerations such as safety, liability, regulations, facility limitations, and coordination with partner organizations. She stressed that these factors require thoughtful review and collaboration. She further stated that meaningful and lasting improvements take time and cannot always be implemented immediately, but assured seniors that their concerns are being taken seriously. She acknowledged that the Senior Center is one of many important city services that require ongoing attention and care, similar to other departments such as Police, Public Works, and Parks. She encouraged continued patience and open communication as staff works through the concerns and explores possible solutions. She reassured the seniors that their voices have been heard and will remain part of the discussion moving forward. Finally, she reaffirmed the City Council's commitment to working with Administration to ensure the Senior Center remains a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable place for the community.

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for sharing their concerns. He appreciated the senior citizens' participation and perspectives and apologized for missing the meeting due to a work commitment. He assured senior residents that the City Council would continue working closely with Administration to address the concerns raised. He acknowledged that resolving issues requires a process and careful review, but expressed hope that, through collaboration with staff, solutions could be identified in a timely manner. He thanked senior residents for bringing their concerns forward and reiterated the City Council's commitment to working toward a resolution.

Vice Mayor Javier Vargas stated that the Administration should be given the opportunity to explain the purpose and intent behind the city's policies. He noted that additional clarification from staff would help the public better understand the reasoning behind the policies and would also provide the City Council with a greater understanding of the considerations involved in their development and implementation.

Mayor Nieves Riedel suggested scheduling an immediate work session to further address concerns raised by Senior Center members. She noted that the issue has been discussed repeatedly and acknowledged that seniors expect action from the City Council. She emphasized the need to demonstrate responsiveness and avoid the perception that the Council is delaying progress on these concerns.

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya moved to temporarily suspend all current Senior Center rules and schedule an immediate work session to allow the City Council, Administration, and senior center members to discuss the concerns raised and work toward a consensus.

Mayor Nieves Riedel stated that the Senior Center is in good hands and expressed confidence that temporarily suspending the rules would not harm operations while the city reviews potential changes. She encouraged Senior Center members to participate in the work session, noting that their requests were reasonable and that a collaborative approach could help identify a solution that addresses everyone's concerns. She acknowledged that similar concerns had been raised for about a year and recognized the frustration among residents who felt progress had been slow. She clarified that the matter was not solely within their authority and placed the motion before the Council for consideration.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz stated that Vice Mayor Javier Vargas requested input from the Administrator and that the City Council should hear the Administrator's perspective before taking further action.

Mayor Nieves Riedel stated that she made a motion and expected to continue.

The motion did not pass with two (2) Ayes and four (4) Nay votes by Council Members Maria Cecilia Cruz, Esteban C. Rosales, Lizeth Servin and Vice Mayor Javier Vargas.

A roll-call vote was requested by Mayor Nieves Riedel; the Mayor and City Council voted.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Nay
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Nay
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Nay
Council Member Javier Vargas	Nay
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

Vice Mayor Javier Vargas requested to make a motion, and a point of order was raised by him and by Council Member Lizeth Servin.

After clarification by Mr. Joe Estes, City Attorney, that the previous motion had already been considered and voted on, the City Council was advised that, under a point of order, another Council Member may introduce a new motion on the same item.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Javier Vargas/Council Member Lizeth Servin to continue this item and have a work session as soon as possible to review the rules for the Senior Center. The motion passed with four (4) Ayes and two (2) Nays by Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya and Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Nay
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Nay

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya told the seniors he was sorry and that he had tried.

Mayor Nieves Riedel mentioned she was sorry that they tried and that when the City Council reaches an agreement...and thanked the seniors.

A point of order was raised by Council Members Maria Cecilia Cruz and Lizeth Servin, and by Vice Mayor Javier Vargas.

Mayor Nieves Riedel ordered a five (5) minute recess at 7:25 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:28 p.m.

7. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the ratification of budget transfer within the Wastewater Division to fund the East Wastewater Treatment Plant CMU Wall Construction Project. (Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works)

Mr. Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented a request to the City Council for approval and ratification of a budget transfer within the Wastewater Division to fund construction of a CMU wall at the East Wastewater Treatment Plant. He explained that funds originally allocated for installing a new generator at the San Luis High School Lift Station could not be used within the fiscal year because equipment delivery timelines were extended. Staff requested approval to transfer the \$80,000.00 budget allocation to complete the CMU wall project. Mr. Perez stated that the project was initially bid at \$118,800.00, which exceeded the available budget.

He added that after rejecting the bids, staff explored an alternative approach of purchasing materials directly and contracting labor separately. This option reduced the estimated project cost to approximately \$65,000.00, resulting in an estimated savings of \$53,000.00 for the city. He explained that the budget transfer was approved administratively to proceed with the project and was brought before the City Council for ratification due to scheduling constraints. Staff requested approval and ratification of the budget transfer to complete the CMU wall construction at the East Wastewater Treatment Plant.

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Vice Mayor Javier Vargas to ratify the budget transfer in the amount of \$65,000.00 as described in the fiscal impact of this item, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

7. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval of Contract Change Order No. 2-A on the Well Site #3 Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project. (Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works)

Mr. Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented a request for City Council approval of a change order to rehabilitate Water Storage Tank Site #3 at 6th Avenue and B Street. He explained that the project was included in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget and that construction began in Fiscal Year 2026. During the demolition phase, the contractor identified additional structural issues not anticipated during the design phase. Initial inspections indicated that approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of the roof rafters needed replacement; however, once demolition began, it was determined that most of the rafters required replacement. Staff reviewed and approved an initial change order in the amount of \$18,425.00, which was covered by existing project contingency funds. Mr. Perez further explained that additional deterioration was discovered, requiring the replacement of approximately 6 to 8 inches of the tank's upper wall shell to allow for proper installation of the new metal components, rafters, and roof plates. The contractor submitted a second change order proposal in the amount of \$116,250.00 to complete this additional work. Staff requested City Council approval to use funds from the Fiscal Year 2027 water storage tank rehabilitation budget, which includes \$1 million allocated for this project and the continued rehabilitation needs of Water Storage Tank Site #4. The requested amount of \$116,250.00 will be applied toward completing the necessary repairs at Site #3.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Javier Vargas/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve Change Order No. 2-A from Pittsburg Tank and Tower in the amount of \$116,250.00, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

7. G. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the recommendation of the Liquor License Application submitted to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control by Talin Toma on behalf of SuperStar Smoke & Vape #4, located at 541 N. Main Street, San Luis, Arizona. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)

A. Staff and/or Applicant presentation

Ms. Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, explained that Ms. Talin Toma submitted a liquor license application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control. She stated that, in accordance with A.R.S. § 4-201(B), the application and public notice were posted at the premises for the required 20-day period. The City Clerk's Office received no comments in favor of or in opposition to the application. Therefore, staff recommended that the City Council forward a recommendation of approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

B. Open Public Hearing

Mayor Nieves Riedel opened the Public Hearing.

C. Call to the public on this item

There were no comments from the public on this item.

D. Close Public Hearing

Mayor Nieves Riedel closed the Public Hearing.

E. Action on the recommendation of the Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for SuperStar Smoke & Vape #4

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Vice Mayor Javier Vargas to recommend approval of the Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control for Superstar Smoke & Vape #4, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

7. H. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2408. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of San Luis, Arizona, and Yuma County for the purpose of providing mandatory weekend and holiday court services for the San Luis Municipal Court. (Amanda Mahon Watlington, Magistrate)

Ms. Amanda Mahon Watlington, Magistrate, presented a request for City Council approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Yuma County. She explained that individuals booked on charges to be heard in the San Luis Municipal Court are entitled by law to appear before a judge within 24 hours. The proposed IGA would provide judicial coverage on weekends and holidays through Yuma County to ensure compliance with this requirement. The agreement is renewable for a four-year term at a cost of less than \$100.00 per month.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to ratify, approve and adopt Resolution No. 2408, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

8. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz reported attending the unveiling of the memorial honoring Officer Joe Orduño. She described the ceremony as meaningful and heartfelt, noting that it fulfilled Mrs. Orduño's long-held wish. Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz expressed gratitude for the opportunity to participate and stated that the memorial served as a fitting tribute to Officer Orduño's life and service, honoring his memory and recognizing the sacrifice of law enforcement officers.

Vice Mayor Javier Vargas thanked the Parks and Recreation Department, the Public Works Department, and everyone involved in organizing the 4th of July celebration. He commended the staff for hosting a well-organized, enjoyable event and noted that families, including his own, had a great time. He expressed his appreciation for their hard work and encouraged them to continue their excellent efforts.

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya echoed the comments of Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz and Vice Mayor Javier Vargas, expressing appreciation for everyone involved in the community events. He also shared an update from the San Luis Post Office. He reported that, in a conversation with the Postmaster, he learned that approximately 100 new post office boxes are being installed, although 1,000 had been requested. He further announced that the Post Office's hours of operation have been extended to 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., and that a self-service kiosk offering services in both English and Spanish is expected to be available by the end of July. He noted that these improvements are intended to provide faster, more efficient service to the community and clarified that the U.S. Postal Service is a federal agency.

Council Member Lizeth Servin congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department on organizing a successful 4th of July celebration. She noted the strong community turnout and commended the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department, and all other staff who contributed to the event. She added that the music, entertainment, food, and overall atmosphere made the celebration enjoyable, and she thanked everyone involved for their efforts.

Mayor Nieves Riedel apologized to those in attendance for the earlier exchange during the meeting, acknowledging that, like a family, the City Council may at times have differing opinions and engage in passionate discussions. Furthermore, Mayor Nieves Riedel stated that the City Council shares the common goal of finding a solution to the concerns regarding the Senior Center and emphasized her belief that Administration has the best intentions in managing the facility. She further stated that she respects the authority of department heads and the City Administrator in overseeing daily operations and does not believe in micromanaging staff. Mayor Nieves Riedel concluded by apologizing on her behalf and expressing hope that similar situations would not occur at future meetings.

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales commended the organizers of the 4th of July celebration, calling it a successful and enjoyable community event. He also announced that he had been selected for the 20 Under 40 recognition and would attend the awards ceremony the following day. Council Member Rosales said he was honored by the recognition.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nieves Riedel adjourned the Regular Council meeting at approximately 7:47 p.m.

APPROVED:

Nieves Riedel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on July 8, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk